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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 3659-0171PUS1 Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Application No. 2115 February 24, 2004 C. Cao 10/787,388-Conf. #4797 Applicant(s): Terng LAI METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDICATING USE STATE OF SATA EXTERNAL Invention: STORAGE DEVICE MS Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Previously Extra Claims After Rate Amendment Present Paid 0.00 50.00 **Total Claims** 20 8 Independent 200.00 0.00 0 1 3 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 **Small Entity** x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. in the amount of \$ Please charge Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment Chalge any additional fling or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: November 9, 2006 Joe McKinney Muncy #43,360 Attorney Reg. No.: 32,334 BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP 8110 Gatehouse Road Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747 (703) 205-8026



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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 15, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Drawings; and

Remarks.